

OKLAHOMA HOMES GOOD ENOUGH

After An Extended Trip to the
North Frank Franklin Advises
Neighbors to Keep Homes.

Frank Franklin who has just returned from a trip to Madison, Wis., has the following to say relative to his trip:

"Being asked for a writeup on our recent trip to Madison, Wis., will say that we saw a part of six states and Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and other cities. I noticed conditions closely. They were no better than here. Some of the corn is so poor that it won't be worth gathering. The drought conditions were about the same as here, in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Wisconsin so we as farmers should be satisfied enough to remain in Oklahoma, with its great advantages and inducements for all classes, especially the man with moderate means and I came back more pleased with my state. As farm lands can be bought from \$10 to \$30 an acre here and as the ones in the states just mentioned that will cost \$100, to \$160, per acre, so you see our state offers more land for homes at 1-5 the money, than the older states. You that are selling your homes must do some serious thinking as this will be the last home you will probably ever own in your life, and this little pittance will soon be spent and you will afterwards be glad to rent the place you so unwisely disposed of. The ambition of nearly every American is to own a home. Now you home owners stay with them, as we never appreciate what we have until it is gone. The greatness of Oklahoma or any other state is in its farm homes. A section where large tracts are owned by corporations will never amount to much as a renter or leaser and has not enough interest in the place to do very much for it. Those states are farmed much better than ours, as I saw very few weeds in fence corners and highways and none in the corn fields. I found farmers satisfied with conditions but merchants, laborers and in fact nearly all living in cities and towns complaining of very hard times.

There were at least a thousand delegates at the Farmers National Convention. Most of the states of the union were represented. There were seven delegates representing Oklahoma. They were: Ewers White, McLeod, J. H. Connel, Stilwater, Robert Newberry, Salom, S. E. Ranfie, Sulphur, John D. Bench, Hayt, J. L. McCorkle, Weber Falls and Frank Franklin, Vinita. The sessions were of unusual interest and some of the best speakers of the day entertained the audience with sometimes as many as six thousand listeners to the speeches.

Some of the most noted speakers were, Taft, Bryan, Hill and Mrs. Don Laws. I cannot refrain from commenting on Mr. Hill's speech. James J. Hill for all he has achieved through his own industry, ambition and perseverance. The greatest railway creator and operator in America, if not in the world believes in intensive farming as the future salvation of this Republic. With a lot of figures he showed that the population was increasing at a rapid rate, and unless a change takes place there will be a population in the United States of 200,000,000 inside of the next fifty years and not enough loaves to go around, he said the remedy is in dividing the farms and obtaining more from the land by fertilization and intelligent farming. He cited Germany where the soil was not so good as in this country by scientific farming more than doubles our yields per acre. Great Britain also more than doubles our average per acre on land that has been cultivated successively for a thousand years. His was the best speech of all.

Madison is a city of 30,000 people situated on high and dry land between Lake Mendota and Lake Monona, which help to make rock river. These lakes vary in depth from one hundred to one hundred and sixty feet in depth and several miles in length and breadth. Madison has beautiful paved streets and concrete sidewalks some of the most beautiful lawns, flowers and trees, and also large and numerous expensive state buildings, costing millions of dollars, one now in construction to cost \$250,000.

Thousands of students attending school there over three thousand six hundred attend state university, two private academies, one library school, one commercial college, two public schools and several large parochial schools.

Madison prides herself on her fine public building, but what a great burden on the tax payers of Wisconsin must have been. A new state should go slow on the matter of expensive state buildings, because the overworked farmer and other laborers have to bear their share, as a majority of the population of every state is of this class.

My trip has made me more proud of my state, and more ambitious to see it the greatest state of the union.

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DIET TO CURE SLEEPLESSNESS.

Common Causes of Insomnia—Indigestion and Hunger.

Dr. William Stevens says that insomnia is not a disease itself, but the effect of an unhealthy condition of body or mind. When the cause is removed the insomnia may be expected to disappear.

Every physician has had stubborn cases of it which would not yield to any treatment and for which a change of air or of scene became necessary. But such cases as these should not occur, and do occur only when the sufferer has neglected precautions that should have been taken when the trouble first made itself manifest.

Insomnia results from causes which can be removed if attended to in season. The most common cause is found in the digestive organs. Either unsuitable food, causing insomnia as a feature of indigestion, or insufficient food, causing the patient to be kept awake by hunger.

There are few things which can be universally recommended as diet for sleeplessness, since what will agree with one man will disagree with another. But two things that may almost always be recommended are lettuce and celery.

BETTER THAN CIPHER WRITING.

South Sea Islanders Have Unique Way of Sending Messages.

The day was warm and the sailor turned on the electric fan and stood in its refreshing breeze with a pleased smile.

"I'd have my head shaved for the summer," he said, "but on my scalp is tattooed in Polynesian, 'Kill Atara and Rarahu, the bloody traitors.'"

"You know, boss, I wasn't lived down Samoa way. I lived the native life in a white hut thatched with palm leaves, my young wife wove garlands of fresh flowers every morning for my hair, and I fed like a native on nothing but baked breadfruit."

"Well, a war ariz between our tribe and another, and they sent me with a message through the enemy's country. First they shaved my head, then they tattooed the message on the skull, then they made me wait till the hair grew again."

He smiled pensively.

"Mine was a happy life in the South seas," he said, "and if you ever want a safe way to send a message, tattoo it on your messenger's scalp and let his hair grow over it."

Fertile Lands of the Globe.

It is estimated that the fertile lands of the globe amount to 25,000,000 square miles, the steppes to 14,000,000 and the deserts to 1,000,000. Fixing 207 persons to the square mile for fertile lands, ten for steppes and one for deserts as the greatest population that the earth could possibly nourish, scientists have arrived at the conclusion that when the number of inhabitants reaches 6,000,000,000 the earth will be peopled to its full capacity. At present it contains somewhat more than one-quarter of that number. If the rate of increase shown by the latest census statistics should be uniformly maintained the globe would be fully peopled about the year 2072.

Camphor to Break Up a Cold.

One of the most efficient remedies for breaking up a cold during its earliest stage is camphor. When the eyes begin to water and there is the accompanying tingling of the nose and feeling of chilliness, place three drops of camphor on a lump of loaf sugar and place the sugar in the mouth.

Repeat this every 15 minutes till four or five doses have been taken. At the same time place the feet where they will become thoroughly warm. This will usually prove effectual in breaking up a cold if the cold is taken at its very beginning. For a child but one drop should be placed upon the sugar, and five or six doses administered.—Health.

The Shrinking Sun.

One hundred years ago the diameter of the sun was four miles greater than it is now. One thousand years ago the sun's diameter was 40 miles greater than it is at present. Ten thousand years ago its diameter was 400 miles greater than it is to-day. The present diameter of the sun is 860,000 miles, and if this diameter were to shrink to-morrow to the extent of 10,000 miles the change would not be appreciable to common observation, though a much smaller change would not elude the delicate astronomical measurement.—New York American.

No Place for Dogs.

Is it impossible in Japan to keep a good dog? I have twice had my dog disappear in a seemingly miraculous way.

As I am well aware that there is a great demand for dog skins, especially those of young dogs, we have been careful in having our dog watched; nevertheless, he disappeared the other morning.

Almost every foreigner has lost a dog or dogs, and even a sea captain who was three days on shore had his dog poisoned the first day he put his feet on land.—Japan Chronicle.

Literal Facts.

"Some of the most unlucky kings and queens in history brought their misfortunes on themselves by their bad judgment in crises."

"That's so; for instance, both Charles I. and Mary Queen of Scots at the critical moment of their careers, lost their heads."

MONTENEGRO ASSEMBLY IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

War Fever Running High Over Annexation of
Bosnia and Herzegovina Increased by Mes-
sage From Prince Nicholas—Says
Crying Wrong Was Inflicted on
People of Montenegro.

By Associated Press.

Cetinje, Montenegro, Oct. 12.—The Montenegrin National Assembly opened here today in Extraordinary Session. The war fever resulting from the annexation, by Austria Hungary, of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which already is running high, has been strengthened by a bellicose message to Parliament by Prince Nicholas, who declared that annexation of these two provinces inflicted a crying wrong upon the people of Montenegro, and that the people were prepared to sacrifice their

last drop of blood unless proceedings, now on foot, resulted in righting their grievances. The message was received in Parliament with great demonstrations of approval.

GOVERNOR HUGHES AMONG OIL TANKS

Says it Would be a Pity And a
Calamity to Elect Bryan to
The Presidency

By Associated Press.

Coffeyville, Kans., Oct. 9.—Governor Hughes today invaded The Standard Oil tank farms in southeast Kansas, and spoke to crowds of working men, he was speaking of reforms initiated by the republican party he said it would be a pity and calamity if business should be plunged into an uncertainty by the attempted introduction of visionary panaceas such as Bryan proposes.

Mr. Hughes will speak at Webb City to-night and go to St. Louis tomorrow.

HE KNOWS WHAT MISSOURI WILL DO

Bryan Addresses Great Throngs in
Missouri—Says Majority Will
be Larger Than Before.

By Associated Press.

Monroe, Mo., Oct. 10.—"I know in advance what Missouri will do on election day," said William J. Bryan to a great crowd, whom he addressed briefly this morning. "I know what she has done and if I can trust reports that we have received I know that your majority for the electoral ticket is going to be larger this year than it has been in previous campaigns when I have been a candidate."

He closed by urging the people to give their active support to William S. Cowherd, the democratic candidate for governor of Missouri.

TOWN OF TAFT WIPED OUT BY A FIERCE TYPHOON

By Associated Press.

Manila, Oct. 9.—Late reports from the provinces say the typhoon which prevailed last Sunday completely destroyed the new town of Taft on the Island of Samar.

GUARDS AT COUNTY JAIL DISPNSED WITH

Vinita, Okla., Oct. 9, 1908.

The following action was taken at the meeting of the county commissioners of Craig county:

Motion made by Mr. Barker and seconded by Mr. Costley, "For the sheriff to move his office to the jail and allow him one man to act as jailer."

Motion made by Mr. Costly and seconded by Mr. Barker, "To dispense with the guards at the jail." Both motions carried.

L. R. F. Nix, County Clerk of Craig county, Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the two above resolutions were passed by the Board of County Commissioners on the above named date.

[SEAL] This 10th day of Oct., 1908.

R. F. Nix, County Clerk.

FOUR NEW TOWNS IN SEGREGATED BELT

Guthrie, Okla., Oct. 10.—The government has ordered four new towns laid out on the segregated coal lands. They are Buck, Bache, Bokoshe and Blanco. All four are already good sized towns, having been built around coal mines by squatters. The residents of these towns have been unable to secure titles to their property, but the recognition of the government making them authorized town sites will enable them to do so.

WORLD'S OLDEST CHURCH ORGAN

On island of Gothland and in Excellent Preservation.

In the Baltic sea, 40 miles from the mainland, lies the Swedish island, Gothland, a Mecca for students of early gothic architecture. In Wisby alone, the chief town of the island, with its population of 8,000 souls, may be studied what remains of no less than ten churches, some of which date from the eleventh and twelfth centuries. The oldest of them is the Church of the Holy Ghost, completed about 1046.

Prof. Hennerberg, director in a German music school and especially interested in the study of medieval organs, visited 59 churches in Gothland, and in a little village called Sundre came upon the remnant of what is unquestionably the oldest known organ in existence. The case alone has survived the fret of seven centuries, the holes for pedals and manuals are placed as in modern instruments, and inside one can see the chamber for the bellows and judge of their action; the exterior is adorned with paintings dating from about 1240.

When this ancient instrument could no longer serve its original purpose it was used as a sacristsy, and for the safeguard of holy vessels and vestments was kept in careful repair, hence its excellent preservation to our day.—Youths' Companion.

PROSAIC ORIGIN OF THE HALO.

Said to Have Been Placed Over Statues of Saints to Preserve Them.

The origin of the halo dates back to the eleventh and twelfth centuries. Those years were rich in the building of churches and cathedrals. There were erected around the outside of the sacred edifices statues of the saints, placed under the eaves. In time the caretakers of the buildings perceived that the discoloration from the rains falling from the roofs disfigured the images. Accordingly they placed over the tops of them flat wooden disks of sufficient size to protect the statues. Glotta began to paint pictures when a boy, and his ignorance assumed the protecting disks as an essential part of the saint. His earliest pictures represent each sacred figure topped off with what looks much like the bottom of a barrel. He idealized this into a circle, dark at first, but growing more luminous with each successful production of his artistic fancy, until he developed the circle of light that has come down unchanged through generations of painters as a badge of sanctity.

Art on the Safe Door.

"I wonder if anyone can tell me why it is customary to paint on the front door of a safe some sort of rural scene?" he asked, as he left the business office. "Almost all safes have a lake with a couple of trees in the background, or else a field with a stake and rider fence emblazoned on the door."

"Perhaps it is to give the idea that peace and quiet of the country type are to be found within the safe. There may be some idea of soothing the mind of the beholder doubly, just where the custom started I do not know and what the significance is also is unknown to me."

Few Desertions from Mexican Army.

"Instances of desertion from the army in Mexico are very rare and for the best of reasons," said Senor Jose de Minalde of Nueva Leon. "The reason lies in the almost sure capture of the fugitive and the certainty that he will get not one but numerous floggings on his bare back. These lashings are done in the presence of the comrades of the deserter, and when the men see how great is the suffering of the miserable wretch who tried in vain to quit his military obligations, they are forced to conclude that it is better to stick to the army than to undergo such a terrible ordeal."

Brothers Good Match Makers.

It is a strange thing that mothers are looked on as match makers, while girls' brothers never are. Yet the fact remains that many a girl has her brother to thank if she happens to get married, and not her mother at all. Many a woman who is happily married to-day has her brother to thank for it—had he not brought a particular man about the home, why, his sister might have remained unwed all her days; but very few women give so much as a thought to that.—Woman's Life.

Face.

"Well," said the customer, as he paid the barber and moved toward the door, "I feel like congratulating myself on getting safely out of a mighty bad scrape."

By placing himself promptly on the outside of the barber shop he avoided getting himself into a mighty bad scrap.

Method.

"I love my love in the springtime," warbled the poet.

"So?"

"Yes, it's cheaper then. Oysters are out of season, flowers grow wild, and the theaters are running popular priced stock."—Kansas City Journal.

On the Rialto.

"Yes," remarked Hamlet Fatt, "I may say I have inherited the mantle of Kemble."

"That settles the clothes question," responded Yorick Hamm. "Now, with a good free lunch route, you'll be fixed."

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR VINITA HIGH

ALTHOUGH OUTWEIGHED VINITA BOYS DEFEAT TULSA

SPEED WAS THEIR SALVATION

Exciting Gridiron Contest at Tulsa

—Vinita Made Her Only Score on

a Fluke—Clearly Outplayed

Former Champions.

Tulsa, Oct. 10.—The athletic park here was the scene of great excitement yesterday afternoon, when the erstwhile state champions, the Tulsa high school football team went down in defeat before the speedy but lighter aggregation representing the Vinita high school, by the close score of 6 to 0.

This was one of the hardest fought games ever witnessed on the Tulsa grounds, and had it not been for a fortunate fluke, for Vinita, in the first half, the game would have ended without a score. The Tulsa team was much heavier than the Vinita team, and it was thought the little fellows would not be in the running, but they soon demonstrated their superiority in team work, and landed the ball much more rapidly than did the Tulsa team. In fact after the first five minutes of play the visitors kept the local team on the defense most of the time, and fully three fourths of the game was played in Tulsa's territory. Only twice during the entire game was the Tulsa team able to gain the required distance in three downs except by punting the ball.

Vinita was exceptionally strong on returning the kicks and time after time "Banty" Smith the fast quarterback, of the visitors caught the punts of the Tulsa team and ran the ball back for ten, fifteen and twenty yards. In punting as well as team work Vinita had the best of the argument. Wright, left halfback for Vinita did the punting and all of his kicks were long ones. Here again Vinita showed their speed for punt after punt was made and the fast ends and backs of the visitors beat the locals to the ball and thus secured great gains on the kicks. In fact this kicking, assisted by numerous fumbles of the Tulsa team is what gave Vinita the victory.

At the start of the game Tulsa chose the kickoff and Vinita took the end goal to defend. At the sound of the referee's whistle Captain Rushmore, the brilliant half back of the local team, sent the pigskin sailing in the air to be caught by quarterback Fred Smith, of Vinita, who returned fifteen yards with the ball. Here the two teams lined up for the first scrimmage. In the first two downs Vinita failed to gain the required distance and kicked to Tulsa's fifteen yard line. Again the two teams lined up for scrimmage, and Rushmore for Tulsa carried the ball around Vinita's end for twelve yards, but this was the only gain the locals were able to make, for they soon lost the ball on a fumble and Vinita began advancing upon the Tulsa's goal. Vinita did not march to a goal without a struggle for the locals stubbornly contested every inch of the ground, but after about fifteen minutes of hard play, Marris right end for the visitors went around left end for a short gain, but in falling when tackled, fumbled the ball. This fumble proved fortunate for Vinita, for Fred Smith picked up the fumbled ball and ran the remaining twelve yards for the first and only touchdown of the game. Joe Billingslea kicked a perfect goal.

From this time on to the finish of the game it was a battle royal. Time and again Vinita came in striking distance, but the sturdy locals were able to keep them from scoring. The second half was just a continuation of this kicking and line plunging of the latter part of the first half. Both teams resorted to frequent punting, but in this, except in the last few minutes of play Vinita had the best of it, making long kicks and recovering the ball. In the last minute of play Tulsa took a brace and it seemed that they might tie the score, but the visitors held them for downs on the fifteen yard line and kicked the ball out of danger just as the referee's whistle sounded the end of the game.

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